Statement

Details regarding import of Silk Fabrics made under Advance Licensing dutyfree DEEC Scheme alongwith with total yardage allowed and CIF value thereof

Period	Name of Port	Yardage	CIF Values (in Rs.)	No. of Licences issued
April 90 to March 91.	Bombay	40130 Mtr.	82,70,100	14
April 91 to	Calcutta	626 Sq Mtr.	49,000	1
March 92.	Madras	NIL	NIL	NIL
April 91 to	Bombay	406918 Mtr.	2,51,07,406	5
March 92.	Calcutta	65587 Sq Mtr.	46,62,150	4
	Madras	NIL	NIL	NIL
April 92 to	Bombay	191592 Mtr.	4,20,09,801	9
March 93.	Calcutta	43214 Sq Mtr.	51,33,000	4
	Madras	NIL	NIL	NIL

MOU between India and Singapore

2152. **SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :**
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Singapore have signed a Memorandum of Understanding and are planning to explore the possibilities of further areas in Defence technology co-operation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between India and Singapore for co-operation in Defence technologies. It is however not in the national interest to disclose the details.

Explosion of bomb at the Army Field Firing Range

2153. **SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :**
SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 18 Army personnel were killed and various other seriously injured when a bomb exploded accidentally at the Army field firing in Leh in the Ladakh region during the month of May, 1993;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted by Government in this regard: and

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Seventeen Army personnel were killed and nine injured in an accident which took place on 23 May, 93 due to accidental bursting of a shell (blind) at Kulam Firing Range located at Leh. One of the severely injured succumbed to his injuries later. The report of Court of Inquiry ordered to ascertain the reasons for such an explosion has been submitted to Army Headquarters for examination.

सैनिकों का कोर्ट मार्शल

2154 **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रतिवर्ष कितने सैनिकों के कोर्ट मार्शल के संबंध में आदेश जारी किए गए थे;

(ख) क्या सरकार उन व्यक्तियों की गतिविधियों की समय-समय पर समीक्षा करती है, जिन्हें कोर्ट मार्शल के आदेश प्राप्त होते हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सेना में जिन मामलों के कोर्ट मार्शल बिठाने के आदेश दिए गए उनकी संख्या इस प्रकार है :—

1990	1647
1991	1923
1992	1985

(ख) और (ग) कोर्ट मार्शल द्वारा जिन सैनिकों को सजा दी गई किन्तु जो अब भी सेवा में हैं उनकी गतिविधियों पर संबंधित यूनिट/विरचना द्वारा निगरानी रखी जाती है।

Capabilities of rocket technology

2155. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how far our rocket technology is away from carrying over 500 Kg. payload over a distance of 300 Km; and

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Defence Research & Development Organisation has the capability to develop missile system carrying 500 Kg. payload at range of over 300 Km. The indegenous surface-to-surface missile PRITHVI and its derivatives will have this capability.

Induction of Prithvi Missile

2156. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prithvi Missile has been inducted into the army recently;

(b) if so, the production target of the missile for the current year and total cost likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) what is the firing capability of this missile to match the one used by Pakistan; and

(d) what is the budget provision made for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) PRITHVI is in advanced stage of flight trials. It has the capability of delivering payload at 150 Km. to 250 Km. range. Even though Pakistan is reported to have HATF-I and HATF-II missile development programme, China has supplied M-11 missiles to Pakistan, which has the range of 300 Km.

(d) It is not in the public interest to give details of the budget provision for production of the Prithvi.

Naval Base at Karwar

2157. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on Naval Base at Karwar in Karnataka has begun, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. The preliminary activities in connection with the work on Naval Base at Karwar in Karnataka has begun. The Master Plan and the Detailed Project report in respect of the project have been prepared. Most of the scientific and technical studies have also been completed. Three (3) rehabilitation centres are ready and house sites allotted to the families.

(b) Does not arise.

सैनिक स्कूलों के उद्देश्य

2158. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा**: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सैनिक स्कूल सशस्त्र-सेनाओं के अधिकारी संवर्ग में भर्ती के संबंध में क्षेत्रीय असंतुलन को दूर करने के अपने उद्देश्य में असफल रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उक्त असंतुलन को दूर करने में सैनिक-स्कूलों को किस तरह से सफलता मिली है; और

(ग) उक्त कार्य में सैनिक-स्कूलों को कितनी सफलता मिली है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) से (ग) सैनिक स्कूलों का मुख्य उद्देश्य लड़कों को राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी के माध्यम से सशस्त्र-सेनाओं में भर्ती के लिए शैक्षणिक, शारीरिक और मानसिक रूप से तैयार करना है। पिछले दशक में जितने कैडेटों ने राष्ट्रीय रक्षा-अकादमी ज्वाइन की उनमें से लगभग 25% छात्र देशभर में स्थित 18 सैनिक स्कूलों के थे। सैनिक स्कूलों के कार्य-निष्पादन और कार्य-प्रणाली की समीक्षा के लिए गठित शैक्षणिक अध्ययन दल ने भी यह बताया है कि रक्षा सेनाओं के अफसर संवर्ग में क्षेत्रीय असंतुलन दूर करने के उद्देश्य का जहां तक संबंध है, सशस्त्र-सेनाओं के अफसर संवर्ग में क्षेत्रीय असंतुलन को दूर कर इसी संतुलन प्राप्त कर लिया गया है।

Production of aircrafts at HAL

2159. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited propose to finalise an agreement with leading companies to co-produce passenger aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and